

Certificate in

Preparing to Work in Schools

Pilot Scheme



Level 1 Award

Active Recruitment & New City College have teamed up to deliver a new Government DWP SWAP programme (Sector-based Work Academy Programme): Preparing to Working in Schools.

It provides progression into working in schools and offers you a CPD Qualification, including a Level 2 certificate in Safeguarding and Equality & Diversity Training.

We have worked closely with the DWP for many years in delivering work-based sessions including: Employability Courses, Interview Techniques and CV writing classes, it was obvious that there is a huge workforce out there who have the skills, empathy and the right attitude to make a real difference to the lives of so many children.

Many of the course participants have lost their jobs due to the Covid pandemic and are taking this opportunity to follow their passion. Having seen the impact Covid has had on the younger generation, they have a genuine interest in offering something meaningful back to their local community whilst also cementing themselves in a life-long career within education.

There are so many amazing students/work seekers we have met over the past number of years who have a genuine passion and desire to work with children and vulnerable adults and this course is designed to help break down any barriers they may have to employment. Many of them have real-life & personal experience in working with SEND children, amazing transferable skills, the right attitude, and work ethic to make a difference and are looking for employers who are willing to take a chance on them.

Covid, along with Brexit, means the UK has seen a sharp decline in the workforce but this course allows these students and work seekers to embark on a new career.

What the course entails

- 6 Week Intensive Course to develop an understanding of the teaching and learning environment when working in a school
- How to support the well-being and development of a child
- Understanding schools as organisations
- Understanding how to keep children and young people healthy, safe and well
- Understanding how to communicate with children, young people and adults
- Safeguarding & Prevent Level 2 Qualification
- Certificate in Equality & Diversity
- Employability/digital skills
- Data protection

Progression

- Successful completion of this qualification will allow students to progress on to the Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools Certificate Level 2.
- 1 week's work experience shadowing a SEND Team in a local school

What participants say about us

"I'm very grateful to have been given the opportunity to work at Dagenham Park School where the Teachers are friendly and professional. I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience while working with the."

"We were struggling to find the right person to fill a demanding role in our school. I asked my Advisory Teacher from the borough and she recommended Active Recruitment as a provider. I contacted them and received CVs from them very quickly. We interviewed and appointed. The appointee has been very successful."

What is this pilot scheme?

The Pilot is aimed at students who have completed the 6-week course and passed all necessary modules. They will undertake 1 week of work experience and shadow in SEND Departments.

How does my school benefit?

Schools will have the opportunity to work with and trial potential support staff for 1 week. All students prior to coming in will have a quick interview/introduction either face-to-face or online with the SENCo of the school.

How do we trust the calibre of the student?

They will have an enhanced DBS and Safeguarding training along with a CV which highlights their skills, qualifications, and any previous experience. A reference from the course tutor, support from the college and Active Recruitment.

How does the student benefit?

1 week's work experience and a feedback reference from the SENCo

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